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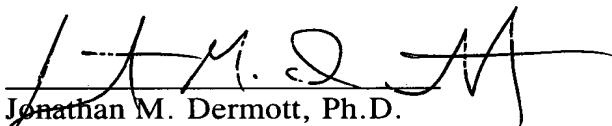
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In response to the Office Communication dated November 30, 2004, applicants submit herewith the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the "Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to Examiner's Final Action dated April 13, 2004", dated September 10, 2004, in which corrections have been made to the claim status identifiers.

It is submitted respectfully that the submission of the aforementioned amended Remarks section overcomes the Examiner's objection.

Respectfully submitted,



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